Later 26apr73:

In such haste, as a matter of fact, that I forgot to include the preceding note.

Been getting the Ex the past few days to watch Hearst squirm. His misery became apparent last Sunday, in which issue he usually has a long purported thinkpiece which begins with a hundred words or so on P1 and is continued for a full double column on the editorial page. He's always been a fervent Nixon supporter, natch, but last Sunday his usual effort was merely the 100 words on the front page, saying he was fed up to here with Watergate and was taking the weekend off. No continuation. In this dire emergency we were left WITHOUT GUIDANCE!!!!.

I've seen no editorials thus far, and most of the daily news stories are straight stuff from UPI or AP, but some of his columnists are getting restive, e.g. the enclosed by Marianne Means. Bob Considine, usually the embodiment of the chauvinist pig, contented himself today with rerunning a menu from some press luncheon in NY recently which had a cover with a fanciful story about the condition of the press in 1975, with both news agencies closed down along with the NY Times, Burger and the packed supreme court reigning supreme, etc etc. Clearly, Mr. Considine is concerned. It didn't mention Watergate, but the projection of fascism was pretty effective. As I noted in the big envelope mailed yesterday, the boss at Hearst is not the only one rattled. On an inside page full of lurid details and stories about Watergate there was this panicky item about Nixon being safe from rioters and the beautiful Reagan story under a headline about a little girl being concealed by the grandparents. The girl story appeared among the truss ads at the back under the headline for the Reagan story. // We enjoyed the Mike Royko column about the sinful politicians, and thanks. jdw